



#### DISTRICT SEVEN COMMUNITIES

Allied Gardens  
Alvarado Estates  
Chollas Creek  
Colina del Sol  
College Area  
Del Cerro  
El Cerrito  
Fox Canyon  
Grantville  
Islenair  
MCAS Miramar  
Oak Park  
Rancho Encantada  
Redwood Village  
Rolando Park  
Rolando  
San Carlos  
SDSU  
Tierrasanta

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## Council Takes Historic Vote to Modify Retiree Health Benefits

Last month, the City Council voted to approve a tentative agreement with employee labor organizations on retiree health care funding. The agreement's annual savings will grow each year from \$3.45 million in 2015 to \$59.2 million in 2036. The agreement will extend for the next 25 years with a cumulative annual cash flow savings projected to add up to \$714 million.

In order for this agreement to move forward, each union must vote in favor of the plan and a majority of all city employees, union and nonunion, must vote in favor. I appreciate my colleagues on the City Council, the Mayor and employees for their involvement and willingness to come to the table to negotiate this deal and its impacts on the City's future. Together we are setting the stage for long term savings and benefit to taxpayers.

## Keep Fire Stations & Libraries Open

Recently, I issued a memo proposing additional budget cuts and efficiencies that would allow us to immediately restore the fire engines that were shut-down last year, reinstate crucial lifeguard training programs and fund four vehicle abatement positions that keep abandoned cars out of our neighborhoods. In addition, my plan restores most of the 8 fire engines, library cuts, keeps Mission Trails Park open, and retains swimming and water polo programs while adding to our City's cash reserves.

This is possible only if we get our accounting house in order, use realistic estimates on taxes and other city revenue and maintain our reserves for stability and emergencies. Furthermore, this year we must eliminate additional benefits for our highest paid employees, start collecting past due bills, privatize disability insurance and further trim non-essential training, travel and information technology expenses.

While all of this goes further than the Mayor has proposed, it is prudent and doable. If we can maintain our conservative budget course for another year, and the stock market holds positive, next year we may see a fiscal reprieve we have all worked so

hard to achieve.

*Marti*

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## First Managed Competition Bid Goes To...



City Employees were the recommended winning bidder in the first managed competition of city services for publishing services. The employees in publishing services provide printing and reprographic services to city departments and will save the city approximately \$5 million over the next five years. The Managed Competition Independent Review Board reviews and evaluates all bid proposals and provides recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on the best value for all city taxpayers. This winning bid reduced the department's annual budget for the next fiscal year by \$1.08 million, for a cumulative savings of \$5.2 million or 30% over the next five years. The city is currently in the process of sending five other city functions through the managed competition process, including fleet services, street sweeping, street and sidewalk maintenance, public utilities customer support and landfill operations.

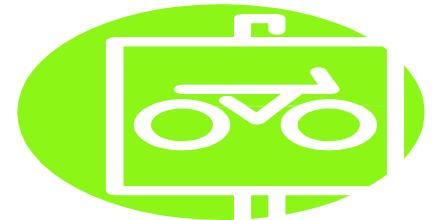


## Water Restrictions Removed For Now

The City Council approved an end to the City's mandatory water restrictions, citing the state's full reservoirs and healthy snowpack levels. Residents are still prohibited from overwatering their lawns or watering during the middle of the day, but will no longer face fines for watering more than 3 days a week. Together we have reduced our water usage more than 14% since the city imposed mandatory restrictions in June 2009. The amount of water saved during this year alone would be enough to fill Lake Murray 5 times. Water continues to be one of our most important natural resource with or without restrictions in place. We all must continue to be water wise!

## Mobility Study Continues~

In November 2010, the City of San Diego kicked off the University Avenue Corridor Mobility Study. The goal of the study is to identify short and long term projects which will improve pedestrian access, bicycle facilities and accessibility, transit operations and facilities and traffic flow along the corridor. There are two focus areas for the purpose of the study: Area 1 (54th Street to College Avenue) and Area 2 (College Avenue to 69th Street). For more information, please visit:



[www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip/](http://www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip/) and click on **University Avenue Mobility Plan 54th to 68th Street**. Community input is welcome and residents are encouraged to participate in a Community Workshop on July 21st at 5:00 pm at Teen Challenge Center located at 5450 Lea Street.

## Marti Out in the Community ...



## Calling All Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime and solve problems in your neighborhoods. If you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch program in your area, register today for a training seminar about neighborhood watch structure, medical marijuana/dispensaries, spice and synthetic drugs!

The seminar will take place Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 pm at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center Theater located at One Father Junipero Serra Trail. Please RSVP with Community Relations Officer Ed Zwibele at [zwibele@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:zwibele@pd.sandiego.gov) or (858) 495-7943.



Take the  
time to do  
something  
that tells  
your father  
and  
grandfather  
that you  
appreciate  
all that they  
do and have  
done to  
make your  
life special.

Happy  
Father's  
Day, Dad!



## June Community Events

**May 27th - June 6th Moxie Theatre** will conclude their Season 6 "In Celebration of Bad Girls" with the play *Ten Cent Night* which will run from May 27th through June 26th. Moxie is located in the community of Rolando at 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, Suite N. For more information check out their website at: [www.moxietheater.com](http://www.moxietheater.com). Moxie Theatre is a non-profit theatre founded by an acclaimed group of performers and directors.

**June 4th - Vista Grande Elementary School Country Fair** located at 5606 Antigua Boulevard— Saturday, June 4th from 10:30 am-4:00 pm. Features include a carnival with rides, food, games, silent auction, cake walks, face painting, craft sale, rock climbing wall and much more.

**June 9th - Mission Trails Park Master Plan Update** Public Workshop— June 9th from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Visitor's Center located at 1 Father Junipero Serra Trail. A presentation will be held at 6:30 pm in the Theater. Mapping and other information will be available for review. For additional information, contact Jeff Harkness at (619) 533-6596.

**June 9th - World Refugee Day Celebration**— Sunday, June 19th from 1-4:00 pm at the Museum of Photographic Arts located in Balboa Park. Celebrate the many contributions refugees make to their new communities in San Diego and across the world through photography, food, video installations and inspiring conversation. Come and meet your neighbors!

**June 11th - Community Cleanup/Recycling Event** is being held at Qualcomm Stadium from 8:00 am-1:00 pm for city of San Diego Residents Only (proof of residency required). Items accepted include: appliances, metals, junk furniture, mattresses and electronics. Hazardous waste, tires or construction and demolition debris will not be accepted.

**June 11th - City Heights Facelift** On Saturday, June 11th from 8:00 am-2:00 pm along Trojan Avenue between Dawson Avenue and 54th Street. Volunteers will work together to spruce up the neighborhood by doing minor landscaping, fixing fences and removing trash and debris of homes for low income families, seniors and disabled persons. Want to Volunteer? Contact Linda Pennington at (619) 563-4014 or [gizmopennington@cox.net](mailto:gizmopennington@cox.net) Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**June 20th - 24th Children's Nature Classes** "Growing Up Wild" a week-long Summer Children's Nature Classes at Mission Trails Park from June 20-24. Kids ages 4-10, spend the week with Alicia Berg getting up close and personal with wildlife and plant life. Cost for the week program is \$100 per child and classes are held from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Registration must be made 10 days in advance.